

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Joel Howard Schopp  
Assignee: International Business Machines Corporation  
Title: Method and System for Autonomically Adaptive Mutexes  
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Austin, Texas  
February 19, 2008

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a one-month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated October 31, 2007 having a shortened statutory period expiring January 31, 2008, such extension allowing the undersigned until February 29, 2008 to respond.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees that may be necessary and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically submitted to the COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS via EFS on February 19, 2008.

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